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The parks and green spaces in our community are a great resource, in not only allowing us to contemplate, rejuvenate, relax, and improve our health, but also allowing our fauna to thrive.

As we also improve our cultural practices of green space management, the encounters with a variety of fauna will continue to rise, as their populations in the urban areas increase. These experiences are to be treasured and used as educational opportunities for our young.

To keep the balance between a positive encounter and a negative experience we are asking our park users to exercise caution and follow the existing ordinances on leash laws and littering. Our trails and park paths wind through open meadow and sometimes abut forested areas. To keep clear sight of children, please have them walk by you and if the chance encounter with an animal does take place, take the opportunity to educate them on the value of fauna to the ecosystem.

Introducing an animal management program, especially in an urban setting, is not currently an option and this method is not effective because it is usually not the problem animal that is removed while the problem may continue. We will continue to work closely with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in further assessing the situation and ask that when you do sight an animal such as a coyote, please try and stay calm, take a photo if you are able. This will allow us to pass on valuable information to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to tabulate the evidence for the next possible course of action.

In the meantime, do take advantage of an award-winning nationally accredited parks and recreation system with much to offer for all ages and abilities by getting out in numbers. If there are questions or concerns please call our office at 502-574-7275 to share them.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Best,

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